

The War.

BOER COMMAND DEFEATED WITH HEAVY LOSS.

Further Heavy Fighting.

Delany Hard Pressed.

Winnipeg, March 25, '01.

Cape Town, March 24.—A fight between the British and Scheepers' command in the Johannesburg district proved most disastrous to the burghers. 45 dead Boers were found on the field and an additional twenty wounded. The Boers were constantly under a hot fire from guns and rifles. The British were taking part in a series of operations northward.

Pretoria, March 24.—Delany is now operating against Col. Cunningham in the western Transvaal. There has been continual skirmishing. It is evident, Delany is hard pressed for food stuffs as he is constantly attacking convoys with supplies for the British. Harleboostfontein, Transvaal, Mar. 24. Severe fighting occurred on Friday between the British and the Boers. The British are taking.

General Telegraphic News

See British-Russian Complication in China.
Grenfell and West Calgary Elections.

A Novel Suicide.

London, March 25.—The Mail's St. Petersburg correspondent writes: "The police have discovered a plot against the life of the czar. It appears a group of students drew lots and the fatal ticket fell to the son of a prominent general. The student told his father and the latter informed the czar, imploring him to leave St. Petersburg. On Saturday 500 workmen from Moscow met workmen from St. Petersburg. On the way they demolished the state bridge. Eight hundred cosaks with drawn swords met the workmen and a sanguinary encounter ensued. The number killed and wounded was kept secret. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Associated Press writes: 'In the last encounter at Sarva late one hundred workmen were reported killed or wounded by the cosaks.'"

London, March 24.—Russian designs against China seem to have been checked for the moment but few people doubt that they will ultimately be consummated. Both the rejection of the British peace terms is a distinct reason for retaining this opinion. Had the war in South Africa come to a sudden end, Japan might have been engaged to make a decisive move which would have compelled Russia to either abandon her principal ambition or draw the sword. But British support which in that case would have been behind Japan will not be given now and it would be hardly prudent for the Mikado alone to challenge the czar.

London, March 24.—The Sunday Express's Tien Tsin correspondent says: "A war and unfortunate hitch has occurred in the Anglo-Russian alliance. Both parties had withdrawn according to agreement the Russian suddenly refused to sign the proposed peace and planted flags over all the territory. They afterwards again retired leaving the flags flying."

Wm. Mackenzie left Toronto Saturday en route for Winnipeg.

Rev. J. Stenhouse, of the London University League society, was murdered by brigands near Tien Tsin.

Mr. Bennett's opponent in West Calgary, Mr. Stuart; and Mr. Campbell, Mr. Link's opponent in Grenfell, lost their deposits.

An Ohio farmer committed suicide by taking a quantity of dynamite internally and blowing himself to pieces.

The plague is spreading at Cape Town.

The Philadelphia ice palace was burned.

Turkey has made a demand on Bulgaria.

The Shamrock 2nd will be launched on April 20th.

The Bach festival in Germany has been successful.

A coal strike is threatened in the Pittsburgh district.

Germany has declared in favor of slavery in her colonies.

R. Bergeron, of Montreal, was killed jumping from a train.

The Chinese government has rejected the Manchurian convention.

The dock troubles at Cleveland have been settled by a compromise.

Also heard, a celebrated Jesuit who had been in the city.

The annual dinner of the Ottawa Press gallery was held Saturday night.

A. E. Pavey & Co., of London, Ont., whose merchants have assigned.

John A. Macdonald, of Toronto, was killed while cleaning a printing press.

Little teams representing Canada and the United States will shoot at St. Catharines.

Col. Foster, quartermaster-general, Ottawa, has been recalled to join his regiment.

Wm. Hamlin and Scott addressed a largely attended railway meeting at Edmonton.

A farmer named Falcon, of Starbuck, N. B., was found dead near the St. Lawrence bridge.

William C. Toole, of Bonaventure, Ont., a young druggist, accidentally poisoned himself.

The British census taking will commence next Monday. 40,000 enumerators will be employed.

Five Manitoba delegates have left for Ottawa to protest against the ratification of the railway deal.

A Russian privy councillor was shot at 12 by a provincial official. The would-be assassin was located.

Cosacks charged 500 workmen with drawn swords at the Narvay, St. Petersburg. Many were killed.

Mrs. Alice Somers hanged herself in Toronto last week where she had been remanded on a charge of theft.

The gas companies combination in Montreal with a capital of \$17,000,000 has been ratified by the legislature.

The dismissal of Mr. Brown from the charge of the Korean customs is regarded in Britain as a victory for Russia.

The Chicago board of trade and the telegraph companies have settled their differences respecting market quotations.

Balfour closed the discussion Saturday on the navy estimates and a lively five minutes with the Irish members ensued.

Mayor Arbutnot, Winnipeg, has challenged any representative candidate to test public feeling on the railway contracts.

A meeting of Ministers was called by the czar to consider the serious state of the country due to student demonstrations.

There is some delay in taking over the Northern Pacific railway line in Manitoba by the government and a visit by officials has been cancelled.

Mr. Thos. Bleazard, M. P. for Peterboro, has decided to retire from the Legislature, and the Liberals have nominated Mr. W. Anderson as a candidate.

A serious shooting affray has taken place at Balcar on a farm occupied by Mr. and Mrs. P. Sorbantin. Mrs. Sorbantin was arrested as the guilty party but was acquitted.

The publication of the details of recent negotiations has deepened Boer hatred for Milner and Chamberlain. The terms were refused owing to the proposal to make Sir Alfred Milner Governor.

Cape Town, Mar. 25.—Ruhon's plague is rife here. The average is six fresh cases daily.

London, March 25.—The Geneva correspondent of the Mail says it is reported that Kruger, if his health permits, will visit the States in April.

Toronto, Ont., March 24.—Arthur Willington Ross, barrister and ex-M. P. for Lisgar, Manitoba, died at Grace hospital last night. He was head of the firm of A. W. Ross & Co., milliners, and general manager of the North Star Mining and Trading Co.

Ottawa, Ont., March 24.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has telegraphed to Premier Barton expressing regret that Canadians will not be able to send a contingent of Canadian soldiers to participate at the opening of the Australian Commonwealth parliament.

Vancouver, B. C., March 24.—A murder has been committed at Ashcroft which looks very much like the work of the murderous highlander society.

Hung, a man who had made considerable money by gold mining in the Yukon, was found dead in a croft and one in Vancouver to answer to the charge of murder. The body has not been recovered and the murder was committed about four weeks ago it is not probable that it will be found. The man will be brought home to the arrested Chinese unless they confess.

LOCAL.

—Mayor Mackenzie returns from Calgary to-night.

—An accident came yesterday. About fifty passengers were aboard.

—Thos. Watt, formerly of the Alberta staff, returned from Regina last night.

—H. A. Conroy arrived from the east yesterday and leaves for the north to play treaty, on Saturday.

—Napoleon Millett, of Fort Saskatchewan, returned yesterday from a visit to the province of Quebec.

—Thomas Ratnayak, of Strathcona, leaves to-morrow on a visit to the North Central States.

—C. W. Satter is expected in the latter part of the week from his intended trip through the Central States.

—In the West Calgary bye-election Bennett was elected over Stuart by about 500 majority. The full returns are not yet available.

—The Medicine Hat News mentions that the local lacrosse club was reorganized for the season, and says: "A committee was appointed to arrange, if possible, for the formation of a league embracing Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Macleod, Calgary and Edmonton."

—F. A. Richardson returned Friday from Berlin, having taken out and sold a crop of Alberta eggs and potatoes. He reports the mining camps busy in anticipation of a prosperous season. Mr. Richardson will start out again just as soon as he can make up another crop of the same produce.

—We have received to-day two new exchanges, both from Wetaskiwin. The "Breeze," edited by that comedian in cartoon, Bob Edwards, and the "Times," printed and edited by V. C. French. Both papers are a credit to Wetaskiwin and to their editors. Wetaskiwin now has three papers, one more than Edmonton.

—A combined meeting of the town council and the council of the board of trade was held in the town hall this afternoon to consider with Commissioner G. H. V. Pyles, the present quarantine. Beyond arranging to send out to all school teachers copies of clause four of the public health ordinance, requiring all persons to report all cases of infectious diseases known to exist in their locality, nothing definite was arrived at.

The grass is green and the flowers are in full bloom (March 25th). We had one little flurry of snow about a month ago and about eight degrees of frost. I saw some new potatoes in a shop window yesterday. Mr. Vaudin had a large lot of potatoes of good quality and a few days for Africa. He says: "If I don't get to South Africa, I'll be back in the west again, as it is the best place I have been in yet."

—Thos. Houston is on a trip through the Kootenays.

—Edmund & Johnson, architects, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Johnson has opened an office in the Bulletin block.

—The public library and reading room committees met on Saturday and appointed a committee to formulate a library scheme.

—A private supper will be tendered by Thos. Houston to members of the Edmonton hockey team and friends, at the Criterion restaurant on Tuesday evening.

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THE BARTONE OF ALBANY COMPANY.

Mr. Douglas Powell, the young English baritone who appears here with Madam Albani and who has been so prominently before the musical public of late, is a West of England man, being a native of Taunton, in Somerset.

In 1890, Mr. Sims, Reeves, bearing him sing, at once engaged him for his provincial tour of 1890-91, and at the termination of the tour the artist decided on familiarizing himself with the French and German methods.

From that time until he made his debut in "Faust" at the Royal Albert Hall last December, he occupied himself studying in Frankfurt with Stockhausen, and in Paris with Bouly and Shergin. Since he made his first appearance in the metropolis at the close of the year, he has sung with much success the important part of Lucifer in Sir Arthur Sullivan's "Golden Legend" and the part of Samson in Dr. C. Hubert Parry's oratorio, "King Saul," at concerts of the Royal Choral Society in the large building at Kingsway, 4, corner of "The Strand" and in "Elijah" with the Queen's Hall Choral Society, at the London Hall.

He has also sung at the Amateur Orchestral Society, at Mr. Dolmetsch's Recitals of Old English, French, and German Music, and at various important concerts, and he is now and then warmly established himself as one of our most popular concert singers.

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PARLIAMENT.

Ottawa, March 11.

Another good solid throw down of the Northwest settler was scored by the C. P. R. in parliament on Thursday night. At a vote of 196 to 8, the house, on the motion of the premier, passed a six months' bill to Richardson's bill fixing the date of termination of the C. P. R. exemption from taxation in the Northwest.

The C. P. R. Co. was given a land grant in aid of the construction of the railway, in February, 1881. The land grant carried with it a provision that the exemption from taxation for twenty years, the exemption being stated in the following words:

"And the lands of the company in the Northwest, until they are either sold or occupied, shall be free from taxation for twenty years after the grant thereof from the crown."

When the contract was made, as evidenced by the debate which took place in parliament at the time, and the second session of 1886, the universal idea was that the date of termination of the exemption was twenty years after the passing of the act, and not the date of the grant. It is a surprise that the Northwest learned during the session of 1896, and subsequent sessions, from members of the government, that the intention was being set up, on behalf of the company, that the twenty years exemption did not commence at the passing of the act, and would not commence until the company had the land patented to the company as fast as it was wanted, and a coalition would be at least intelligible, even if not strictly honest. But although the last session of the railway was driven over fourteen years ago and there fore the last acre of the land grant absolutely expired then, it does not appear that the question as to whether the patent was issued to the C. P. R. for purposes of ordinary agricultural settlement. When the company has sold the land, the patent has been issued directly to the crown to the purchaser, all responsibility for taxation being there fore avoided by the special provision in special cases, and for the special purpose of the company, as land has been patented to it.

Had the land been patented to the company as it was earned in the act, then the question as to whether the exemption extended for twenty years from the date of the deed of gift or twenty years from the date of the patent might fairly have been referred to the courts, the conditions being those contemplated by the act. But by the lapse of sixteen years, during which patents might have been granted and lapse of over fourteen years during the whole of which patents have been granted, the conditions have been absolutely changed, so that to admit the contention now that the exemption began at the date of patent would be to extend the exemption which was originally fixed for twenty years to at least, with no present prospect of its ever terminating, as no patents are yet being issued. To permit the exemption to go to the courts under these new and unlooked for conditions with a possible result upon the interests of the people of the Northwest, in a matter in which they are entitled to the fullest protection on the part of the parliament, would be the bargain in which they—the people of the Northwest—had no voice, being then unrepresented.

If there is ground for the contention that the twenty years exemption only begins at the issue of the patent, then the late and present governments have been guilty of conspiracy with the C. P. R. against the people of the Northwest, by the issue of the patent to the land as soon as earned, thereby having already added at the least, but fourteen years to the period of exemption and at the highest limit twenty years. On the other hand if there is no ground for the contention that the exemption did not begin until the patent was issued, there is every reason why parliament should fix that date correctly as it is to protect the public interests of the courts. When giving decisions on an act of parliament the courts are entitled to know what the intent of the legislature was, and within its powers, and not to do so when the occasion demands it to fail to exercise its undoubted rights or to fulfill its plain duty. It is the duty of subsequent parliaments to make it clear. And it is not less its duty to do so because of the possibility of the dearest interests of a vast territory being imperiled by legal quibbles as to the meaning of a single word applied to conditions which were not contemplated when the act was passed, and whose extension is in absolute violation of its plain purpose, resulting not from the act itself but from the action of rather inaction of the government outside its provisions.

The point sought to be attained by Richardson was a definite declaration in parliament as to the date of termination of the exemption; which he placed at the 15th of February last, twenty years from the date upon which the act was passed. To suggest to say his proposition was met with a perfect act of objection in the premier's answer, the minister of finance, the minister of interior and the solicitor general, shared the alleged grounds for objection, the minister of finance, the minister of interior and the minister of justice, the premier moved the six months' bill.

A comparison between the attitude of the government on the Cogan motion and on the Richardson bill brings out the unfairness with which the latter was treated. The Cogan motion, proved as an amendment to the motion by the minister of finance to go into supply was by all rules want of confidence motion, which the government would have justified if it had been put down as such. Instead of doing so the government refused to consider it, if as a want of confidence motion and left it open to discussion and vote, irrespective of party considerations. The Richardson bill was in no sense a want of confidence motion, but by parliamentary rule or political inference, the premier by moving the six months' bill deliberately made it such with the plain purpose of shutting out free discussion and fair argument. This is demonstrated all the more clearly by the fact that he moved

the bill as soon as Richardson's had ceased speaking, for fear some lamb of the liberal flock might unwittingly connect him with the public interest.

The shattered remains of the conservative old guard were of course on hand to vote against the C. P. R. bill against the people, but first of the newer conservatives bolted and voted for the bill. The leader of the conservative party, Mr. Borden, his first lieutenant, Mr. Monk, and his second lieutenant, Mr. Wallace, were conspicuous for their absence when the votes were counted.

Those who voted for the bill were: Johnston, (Cardwell), Maclean, McGowan, (Laurier), Richardson, (Laurier), Robinson, (Eggar), Roche, (Marquette), Sherrett.

The western men who voted against the bill were: Davis, McCreary, Pate, Scott, and Sifton. Douglas, Boyd and Lariviere were not present.

A peculiar feature of the debate was that while all those who opposed the bill do-lared they did so not from any desire to favor the C. P. R. at the expense of the people, but from an overwhelming respect for the authority of the courts, every word they used expressing a doubt as to the meaning of the contract was a weapon placed in the hands of the C. P. R. to be used in the courts against the public interest.

The point at issue between the supporters and opponents of the bill was this:

The supporters of the bill held that certain words passed in an act containing certain words regarding the meaning of which doubt was expressed, it was the right and duty—as it was the duty of the government—to remove such doubt, so that if the act should come before the courts there would be no question as to its meaning.

The opponents of the bill held that the act being a contract, and parliament being a party to the contract, parliament was not entitled to vary the wording of the contract, and that doubt as to the meaning of the words contained must be decided by the courts.

The latter contention would undoubtedly be so if parliament was an ordinary party to a contract. But inasmuch as parliament is not an ordinary party to a contract, it is not bound by its own words. A private party to a contract has no responsibility except for himself, and has no authority beyond the limits of the contract. But parliament has no responsibility except for the whole people, has paramount authority, and therefore extraordinary responsibility, which it may delegate to whom it pleases, and does not divest itself of by delegation even to the courts. The courts are a part of the government, and by which effect is given to the will of parliament—supposedly by seeing that the government does not exceed its authority, and by which the courts are constituted. As it is within the power it becomes the duty of parliament to see that substantial justice is done by and through the courts, and to see that a plain injustice on the part that the courts and not parliament are responsible. Having constituted the courts, and defined their duties everyone will admit that questions proper for their consideration should not be interfered with. But on the other hand it must also be admitted that where the nature and importance of the question, and the interests of justice demands, the authority which constituted the courts cannot properly allow the purpose for which they were constituted to be ignored. If there is a doubt as to the meaning of certain words in a contract, the question is a party parliament unquestionably has a right to give its understanding as to the meaning of those words.

The whole question of the action of parliament turns on the plain right and wrong of the matter, and not on any legal quibble, or division of responsibility between parliament and the courts. Either parliament is prepared to allow the courts to decide, or it is to be extended unduly and in a manner not contemplated by the act, or it is prepared to take the action it means to prevent that undue extension of exemption. The courts may not be responsible to parliament, but parliament is responsible for the courts.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETING.

Lacombe Advertiser.

The meeting held in Puffer's hall on Thursday afternoon, under the auspices of the department of agriculture, Regina, was fairly well attended, and a lively interest was taken in the proceedings. Col. J. J. Gregory was called on to read a paper on "The Farmer's Problem," and after a few preliminary remarks he read the first paper.

Mr. Raynor strongly urged upon those present the advantage of patronizing the creamery. The government had worked up a good market and it was our business to hold it. This could only be done by the co-operative plan, whereby a uniform quality of butter could be obtained, which was impossible where individual farmers were on their own. We have the creamery, to thank for the good prices realized for butter. The government was now contemplating building a new creamery. Two collecting stations would probably be established on this line. Cases would be supplied and collections made twice a week. The eggs would be held in cold storage and put on the market when prices were good. At present Alberta eggs have a very bad odor on the British Columbia market, but the butter can make it for the eggs.

Mr. Raynor then gave a very interesting talk on cultivation of the soil. He was forced to the soil in the province of Quebec, and he had to make his own butter. We must put in if we would take this out. Particular attention must be paid to fertilizing and rotation of crops. He believed in crop rotation. It kept the plant food near the surface. It also kept the soil on the surface, where they would germinate and could be removed. It was not advisable to bury such manure as they would live for years and would eventually live to the surface.

A profitable discussion followed as to the value of different classes and grades for animal food, cultivation of soil, time of sowing, harvesting, etc. D. Drummond was the next speaker. He outlined almost exhaustively the discussion of cattle and poultry. He explained the difference between the best and the worst types, gave some particular rules to follow in the selection of animals, and much valuable information in connection with feeding. He also recommended the use of the separator.

In poultry the Rocks and Wyandottes were the most profitable. They

were good winter layers, fair summer layers and a good table fowl. Many other interesting facts were given in connection with the poultry industry.

Spices will not permit us giving a detailed report of this meeting, much as we would like to. Suffice it to say those who were not present were the losers.

MANITOBA WHEAT.

Commercial, March 16th: The market for Manitoba wheat is still very restricted, supply remaining small and demand limited. Buyers have been very scarce, and wheat available unless price was lowered, but holders have not been disposed to reduce prices. The spurt in yesterday's American markets has created a firm feeling but sufficient time has not elapsed to allow a practical influence so that prices are nominal as follows, viz.: 1 hard, 84c; 2 hard, 79c; 3 hard, 68c; 3 northern, 63-1-2c; tough 3 hard, 63c; tough 3 northern, 59c; all in store for William or on route.

Farmers' deliveries at country points are very light, and at many points no business is doing at all. Most of the wheat which has offered is of poor quality. Buyers are paying the farmers from 50c to 55c per bushel, according to quality of grain and rate of freight.

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GOOD WORK APPRECIATED.
 Bulletin.
 Dear Sir: Having been for nearly two weeks inmates of the Public Hospital, we desire before leaving to add a small tribute of praise and thanks to those who have charge of the institution. Everything that can be done for the patients is done by the nursing matron, Miss Turner, who is nobly seconded by Miss Howell. How they stand the strain night and day, and all the time look pleasant is a mystery. They allow the patients to read as a means of amusement and although the patients must at times cause worry, annoyance and anxiety, they never get out, but take things in a pleasant way which is worth half the patients' anxious druggings. There are many things that are yet to be done in connection with this institution, but we feel sure that the good work will be done in the future. It is with this idea that we have written these few words of praise and thanks, and thanking you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,
 RICHARD COX,
 of Athabasca Landing.
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 of Peace River.
 CLAUDE ROBERTSON,
 of Edmonton.
 Edmonton, March 24th, 1901.

LONDON FUR SALES.
 The following are the results of the London Fur Company's sales in London this week, as received by cable from McDougall & Secord:
 Red fox, 45 per cent. lower than March, 1900.
 Blue fox, 40 per cent. lower than March, 1900.
 Silver fox, 60 per cent. lower than March, 1900.
 Tiger, 21 1/2 per cent. lower than March, 1900.
 Otter, dark, same as March, 1900.
 Otter, pale, 10 per cent. lower than March, 1900.
 Weasels, same as March, 1900.
 Mink, 10 per cent. lower than March, 1900.
 Lynx, 40 per cent. lower than March, 1900.
 Bear, black, 5 per cent. lower than March, 1900.
 Bear, brown, 12 1/2 per cent. lower than March, 1900.
 Bear, grizzly, 15 per cent. lower than March, 1900.
 Marten, 12 1/2 per cent. lower than March, 1900.
 Wolf, 50 per cent. lower than March, 1900.
 Mink O., 35 per cent. higher than March, 1900.

CANADIAN NORTHERN CONTRACT RATIFIED.
 The much debated railway bargain of the Manitoba government was finally endorsed by the Manitoba legislature on the 19th instant, by a vote of 23 to 10. Both sides, covering the entire line of the Canadian Northern and Northern Pacific, have now become law, except for the signature of the Lieutenant-governor. The passing of the bill means much to Edmonton and, this year generally, Edmonton is especially interested, in that it being on the line of the projected Canadian Northern on its transcontinental route, the acquiring of the Manitoba and Mackenzie and Mann will obviate the necessity of their having to build lines of their own. Being in possession of a portion of a system already in operation will enable them to push the construction of their line westward without having to wait to build the connecting links in Manitoba.

YORK CANADIAN HORSES WANTED.
 R. H. Bownorth, freight manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has received cable advice from Arthur Baker, European traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific, that Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal has just completed arrangements with the Imperial government to send an officer of the war department to Canada to purchase horses in the Northwest for the troops in South Africa. The officer, it is believed, will probably sail from London, arriving in this country in the latter part of this month or early in April, and proceed direct from Montreal to the territories. Between 1,000 and 2,000 animals will be bought and sent to Cape Town from Halifax as rapidly as the shipments are made up. The horses used by the Canadian troops during the campaign, are each given gratification that the war department authorities have decided to secure more. Some of these, it is understood, will be used by British contingents.

RUSSIANS AND BRITISH.
 A question in the Imperial House of Commons in regard to the dispute between the British and Russian troops in the Far East, has elicited a confirmation from Lord George Hamilton, the secretary of state for India, who said Russia had claimed the land in dispute by virtue of a concession granted by China since the disturbances commenced. The authorities on the spot were dealing with the matter. The statement had not been special instructions as throughout the China operations, the British officers had shown a spirit of excessive conciliation.

OAT MARKETS.
 Oat receipts are lighter and the market has firmed up in consequence. It seems to be the case that stocks in the country are running low, both as regards Manitoba and Northern Alberta. Manitoba oats have advanced for several weeks in carlots on the per bushel, Northern Alberta oats are higher at from 41c to 44c per bushel in carlots on track. These oats are mostly changing hands at 32c.

THE STRATHCONAS.
 Plaiddealer.
 Monday's train brought the advance guard of the home-coming Strathconas in the persons of Corp. Flinoff and Pte. J. C. Walker. The boys are in excellent health and look none the worse for the year of campaigning in South Africa, though had we seen them when they left Cape Town two months ago, ragged and war-worn, the verdict would doubtless have been different.

The regiment sailed from Cape Town by the freightship Lake Erie on Jan. 4th, and hence were on the ocean at the time of Her Majesty's death. For two weeks after that sad event they knew nothing of it and at their chapel services and concerts on board ship sang "God Save the Queen." Touching at Los Palmas, in the Canaries, they first learned of Her Majesty's death. On Feb. 13, they landed at Gravesend, having had an excellent passage. They at once continued for London and on the 14th formed part of the guard of honor to the King en route to the opening of his first parliament. On the day following they were reviewed by the King at Buckingham Palace and presented with their war medals and with the King's Colours.

Lord Strathcona banquetted the corps on Feb. 20th in grand style at the Kensington Palace Hotel. They left London for Liverpool on the 22nd and on the eve of their departure for Canada were banquetted by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool.

The troop from Northern Alberta was particularly fortunate throughout the campaign as to casualties. Pte. Banks died at Cape Town of enteric fever. Corp. Flinoff, now home, was shot through the leg but did not suffer permanent injury. Corp. D. Allison contracted enteric fever, was sent to the hospital in Pretoria and did not rejoin the regiment. Outside of these cases our men were for the most part blessed with very good health and escaped the Boer bullets.

The first fatality in the field suffered by the Strathconas was on Dominion Day when Pte. Jenkins, from Red Deer, was killed, while approaching a house flying the white flag. On July 2nd two more men were killed under similar circumstances, victims of Boer treachery.

Pte. Walker contradicted the story circulated some time ago regarding a squad of Strathconas strutting up a number of Boers caught firing under the white flag.

We are indebted to Pte. Walker for information regarding the Strathconas who enlisted here:

Major Snyder, invalided home some months ago on account of enteric fever, has resumed his duties as an inspector of N. W. M. P., at White Horse, Yukon Territory.

Sergeant D. Allison went to the hospital in Pretoria in October, suffering from enteric. Thought to have been invalided home but has not yet arrived here.

Sergeant Harry Irwin—in Eastern Canada; returning west shortly.

Corp. Walter Flinoff, now home, was shot through the leg just below the knee, in October last, while the troop was charging a long tomb at Devil's Knuckles, between Lydenburg and Spitzkop.

Corp. Arthur Pierson stayed in England on pass, returning west shortly.

Corp. John Smith, visiting friends in Manitoba, returning west shortly.

Corp. Ned Murphy, visiting friends in Nova Scotia; coming west shortly.

Pte. J. C. Walker, arrived home on Monday.

Pte. W. C. Backham, stayed in England, may return.

Pte. Albert Edwards, in Canada, returning west shortly.

Pte. George Ruete, visiting in Ontario, coming west shortly.

Pte. H. H. Quick, joined army, service corps in November last and remained in South Africa.

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